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For : CORTICOID 17-(ALKYL CARBONATES) AND  
PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

530 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10036  
May 22, 1979.

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for replying to the pending Official Action mailed April 17, 1979 be extended for two months, i.e. from July 17, 1979 to September 17, 1979.

No previous Request for an extension of time to respond to the pending Action has been filed.

On receiving the Official Action mailed April 17, 1979, a copy of the Action and the references cited were forwarded to the Patent Department of the corporate assignee, which is located in Europe. U.S. counsel was then advised by foreign counsel that one of the three co-inventors, who apparently is principally responsible for technical consultation on patent matters, is temporarily a resident in the United States and suggested that U.S. counsel contact the inventor directly concerning the pending Official Action.

When this was done, counsel was advised by the inventor that records concerning the invention, which records

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are necessary to the inventor for evaluation of the subject matter, were not available in the United States and that the inventor could not properly treat this matter before returning to Europe in early July, 1979.

Meanwhile, the patent counsel of the assignee corporation principally responsible for prosecution of this subject matter in the United States and other countries has since retired, as of May 10, 1979. Thus, there may at present be no attorney in Europe intimately familiar with the subject matter of the application.

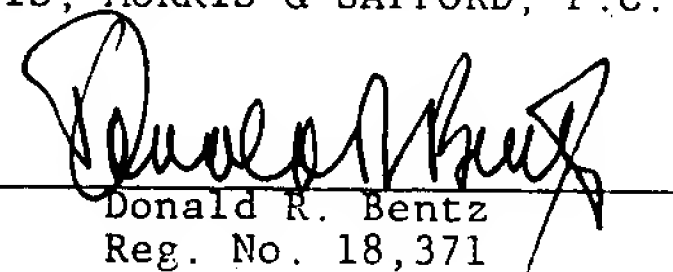
Under these circumstances, it is believed that it will be necessary to await the return of the co-inventor to Europe in early July before an adequate response to the pending Action can be made.

Since there will undoubtedly be other matters demanding the inventor's immediate attention upon his return to Europe, it is urged that a two-month extension of time to respond to the pending Action is appropriate and necessary.

For the convenience of the Patent Office in replying, a copy of this Request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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